

Country Home

2007
Best
Green
Places



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Spring Decorating Issue

Reuse, Remake, Revive!

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THE NEST

Real-life makeover. All green and every bit gorgeous.

THE CHALLENGE

How to create a cozy country room that's also eco-savvy?

THE WIN

Using the three Rs (below) as inspiration, Senior Home Editor Beth Eslinger and our Emergency Makeover Team™ prove you can live green without sacrificing beauty.

1. REDUCE. Use sustainable materials, such as hemp and linen, to cover pillows, upholstery, and floor. These plant-derived fabrics are renewable, plus we love their texture. Collected shells and fresh greenery are simple nods to nature.

2. REUSE. Shop salvage and antiques shops for finds, such as the trunk and stained-glass windows used as art. Remember, antiques not only add character but also save something from landing at the landfill.

3. RECYCLE. Repurposing feels good and looks good. We chose side tables made from reclaimed wood, lamps crafted from junk, and vases derived from trash bottles.

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BEFORE



4 WAYS TO DECORATE GREEN FOR UNDER \$50

- 1. THINK BRIGHT WITH SOY OR BEESWAX CANDLES.** These sustainable alternatives to paraffin (which is petroleum-based) burn clean and live long. We shopped www.napastyle.com and www.beehivecandles.com.
- 2. GO FRESH WITH ORGANIC FLOWERS.** Who needs pesticides when you can get beautiful blooms that look and smell garden-fresh? Search your local farmers market or online (like we did) at www.organicbouquet.com.
- 3. TRY RECYCLED GLASS CONTAINERS.** With sculptural lines, vases made from recycled glass are decorating dynamos. Visit www.greensage.com, www.re-modern.com, and www.vivaterra.com for amazing glass at super prices.
- 4. COLOR YOUR WALLS WITH ECO-FRIENDLY PAINT.** There's a huge range of eco-friendly paints on the market today. We used fast-drying Leaf.04 from www.yotocolorhouse.com (\$35 a gallon).



WHERE TO SHOP FOR THESE GREEN PRODUCTS

We pored over the Web, catalogs, trade shows, and antiques shops to find the best green sources.

SOFA (WWW.MGANDBW.COM) We love the classic lines of this piece, which is made with a renewable-wood frame, organic-hemp slipcover, and non-polluting foam.

WOVEN TABLE (WWW.MARSTON-AND-LANGINGER.COM) This petite side table is made from bamboo and reed.

LINED LINEN CURTAINS (WWW.GREENSAGE.COM) A lovely weight curtain that's all-natural, with no dyes or finishes; also comes unlined for a sheer look.

HEMP RUG (WWW.COASTAL-STYLE.COM) Most natural-fiber rugs are eco-friendly, but we especially love this hemp weave with neutral cotton banding.

WISTERIA (WWW.WISTERIA.COM) We found the rustic mirror, Asian-inspired stool, and tray in this catalog.

SHELL GANDELABRA (ROBERTA SCHILLING; for retailers, visit WWW.RSCOLLECTION.COM) Another great source for shell artwork.

RECLAIMED ELM SIDE TABLE (FOUR HANDS; for retailers, call 866/654-9433) This 35-inch round pedestal table is all about drama, texture, and presence.

RATTAN SIDE CHAIRS (PALECEK; for stores, call 800/274-7730) Made from sustainable, quick-growing rattan, these campaign chairs work beautifully as a pair.

RUSTIC END TABLE (DESIGN WORKSHOP; for retailers, call 910/293-7329) Actually a reclaimed-grain pedestal found in India, this chunky table oozes cool attitude.

CONSOLE TABLE (CENTRAL STATION; for retailers, call 336/885-2055) We love the artistic lines and beautiful wood of this table.

SHELL MIRROR (CURREY & CO.; for retailers, call 877/768-6428) Even if you don't like seafood, you can't beat the style and texture of shells embellishing a mirror.

ABOVE Make a simple statement with beautiful unfinished woods, such as the reclaimed teak used in this console table.

More lasting than flowers, hemp twine balls lend texture to a big glass vessel. An organic olive topiary adds height.

RIGHT "I'm amazed and inspired by the variety of green products in the marketplace today," says Emergency Makeover Team Member Beth Eslinger.

FAR RIGHT Instead of supporting fishing nets, old floats form the base of this lamp. Use a lamp-conversion kit (available at home centers for \$12 to \$15), and get creative. We've seen bases made of everything from bottles to bowling pins. For texture, the side table is made from reclaimed elm, while mussel shells trim the mirror.

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